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Lunch with Paul at Harvest Moon in Valley Village

On a busy stretch of Magnolia Boulevard in Valley Village, Harvest Moon Kitchen and Marketplace is a favorite stop for East Valley locals for delectable fresh meals and gourmet snacks.

The casual, modern eatery serves fresh breakfast, lunch and dinner options, including sandwiches, soups, salads, and a host of tasty baked goods that chef and owner Christine Drapkin has perfected since opening in 2012.

Join me this Thursday, May 10, for the next edition of Lunch with Paul to support this great local business. Lunch specials will be available for \$9 to \$12 per person at the event.

RSVP today at
www.paulkrekorian.org/lunchwithpaul.

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Very truly yours,



Paul Krekorian
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TOP STORIES

SB 1 Brings Massive Transit Windfall for the San Fernando Valley

LOS ANGELES - The California
Transportation Committee
recently announced \$1.792
billion in funding
recommendations for



transportation projects in Los Angeles, with a large chunk going directly to the San Fernando Valley.



The grants will be allocated from SB1, also known as the Road Repair and Accountability Act (or the gas tax), California's landmark transportation funding bill that will provide \$5.2 billion annually to road and transportation infrastructure repairs and mass transit expansion. The bill, signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown last year, raised the state gas tax and state vehicle fees for the first time in 23 years.

With the new SB1 funding, Los Angeles County Metro projects will receive \$703 million from three SB1 discretionary programs: the Local Partnership Program, Solutions for Congested Corridors Program, and Trade Corridor Enhancement Program. Additionally, the California State Transportation Agency will dedicate \$1.088 billion to Metro from the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program.

Win for the Valley

The major funding boost is a huge win for San Fernando Valley residents. Roughly \$425 million of the allocated funds will go toward the Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit Improvements Project, the North Hollywood/Pasadena Connector and the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor.

Electric DASH Buses

In addition, SB1 will fund LADOT's purchase of 112 zero-emission electric buses to replace existing propane buses, as well as add more buses to the DASH fleet. This will make the city's bus fleet cleaner, greener and more efficient for riders across Los Angeles.

Tell Metro What You'd Like to See

In addition, this month, Metro wants to hear where you'd like these transit dollars to go. Participate in the discussion and voice your transit priorities through Metro's interactive budget tool, which includes a short survey about budget priorities and to provide feedback: www.metro.net/about/financebudget.

Metro Approves Pilot Program for Mobile Showers at the NoHo Red Line



LOS ANGELES - Last week, the Metro Board of Directors approved a new measure introduced by Councilmember Krekorian to create mobile hygiene stations and shower units at the North Hollywood Red Line Station.

The motion addresses issues of hygiene and safety at transit stations and will allow Metro staff to work in coordination with LA County to connect homeless residents to services. It's also part of the agency's long-term goal to incorporate public restrooms at all new rail stations.

Metro staff will report back in four months with a detailed plan to implement the pilot program, which will roll out first at the North Hollywood and Westlake/MacArthur Park stations.

The Next Generation of Bus Service for Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES - Metro wants to hear from you about how to improve the region's bus system. The transit agency is embarking on a major overhaul of its network of buses to design a more modern and useful system for Angelenos.

The NextGen Bus Study, the first system-wide review in 25 years, is a four stage process to learn more about bus rider habits and needs, determine service strategies based on those needs, develop a new bus service plan and launch the new network in LA County. The results of the 18-month-study will go into effect in fall 2019.

To provide bus service that's reliable, efficient, and integrates well with new transportation options, like ride hailing and bike sharing, Metro needs to hear from you. Take a quick survey to share your input:

www.metro.net/projects/nextgen.

CITY HIGHLIGHT

It's Bike Month in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES - May is National Bike Month, and LA has a ton of fun events to get your wheels spinning. With group rides, workshops and community-hosted events, Bike Month has something for everyone.

Bike Month is a awareness campaign to promote bicycle safety and teach the community about alternative transit options. Throughout May, Metro, local organizations and the City of Los Angeles, will be partnering on numerous events, including Bike Night at Union Station, how-to bike workshops, and Bike to Work Day -- an opportunity to leave your car at home and try commuting by bike with thousands of other Angelenos with pit stops across the county for snacks, coffee and encouragement.

While you're out on the town enjoying a bike ride, be sure to remember these important safety tips:

- Wear a helmet -- it's required by law for people under 18 years of age and recommended for all.
- Obey all traffic signals, including lights and stop signs.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Use hand signals before turning, stopping or changing lanes and make eye contact with drivers to signal your intent.
- Ride predictably and in a straight line.
- Obey signs and signals at train crossings. Never attempt to cross when crossing lights and arms are activated.
- Riding with headphones in both ears is prohibited by law.

For more information about Bike Month events, visit www.metro.net/riding/bike-month.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Krekorian Helps Preserve Historic Zwebell House in Studio City

STUDIO CITY - This week, the LA City Council granted historic landmark status to the Zwebell House in Studio City. Earlier this year, Councilmember Krekorian submitted a motion urging the city's Cultural Heritage Commission to support the home's inclusion in LA's list of Historic-Cultural Monuments and recognize community efforts to preserve the unique home.

Designed by renowned LA architects Arthur and Nina Zwebell, the 1930s Great Depression era property is an excellent example of American Colonial Revival residential architecture in Studio City, according to the Department of City Planning's Cultural Heritage Commission findings. The Zwebell House also fulfilled the commission's criteria as "a notable work of a master builder, designer, or architect whose individual genius influenced his or her age."

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK



The City Council designated April 27 as Los Angeles Football Club Day. | Photo: CD2



Councilmember Krekorian met with art advocates during this year's Arts Day.
| Photo: CD2



The LA City Council celebrated Jewish Heritage Month to highlight the history and contributions of Jewish Angelenos. | Photo: CD2

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Neighborhood Cleanup and Tree Giveaway
Sunday May 6, 9am - 11am



Whitnall Off-Leash Dog Park
5801 Whitnall Hwy
North Hollywood, CA 91601

Join the NoHo Neighborhood Council at the Whitnall Dog Park to help clean up the area. City Plants will also be giving away free share trees.



Lankershim Blvd. Green Improvements
Community Meeting
Wednesday May 9, 12 pm - 1:30 pm
Robertson Honda
5240 Lankershim Blvd
North Hollywood

Come to a community meeting to discuss the new green improvements coming to Lankershim Boulevard. The project will add sidewalk and below ground features that capture stormwater to recharge our local aquifers and reduce flooding potential while beautifying the street with public art and landscaping along the Lankershim corridor between Victory and Chandler boulevards.



School Safety Community Hearing
Saturday, May 12, 2 pm - 4 pm
Valley Academy of Arts and Sciences
10445 Balboa Blvd.
Granada Hills, CA 91344

LAUSD Board District 3 is partnering with LA City Attorney Mike Feuer to host a community hearing on school safety. This hearing is part of a series of blue ribbon panels to provide recommendations on improving safety on school campuses and in surrounding neighborhoods.



Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive
Saturday, May 12, 3 pm - 7:30 pm
Various locations in LA County

On May 12, volunteer with the LA Fed, National Association of Letter Carriers, Labor Community Services, and United Way of Greater Los Angeles to stamp out hunger! This volunteer-led food drive is the nation's largest single-day event to help provide assistance to Americans who are struggling with hunger.

For more information, visit:

www.eventbrite.com/e/stamp-out-hunger-may-12-tickets-44201302285

[**Click here to view all the upcoming events on our
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